From: Robert Bell
To: City Clerks Office
Cc: Anderson, David; Mary Bell
Subject: EXTERNAL: Re: In support of David Anderson Re: pedestrian safety
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Greetings,
I am, yes once again, writing in support of David Anderson's ordinance on pedestrian public safety. I am quite dismayed that I've had to write so many times on a singular topic, and one that just makes sense. I appreciate certain homeless persons' motivation to reach out for assistance using whatever means they feel necessary, however doing so in risky places is not safe for them, not safe for drivers. I have seen several who may be in need of some kind of medical assistance, leaning over acutely, appearing as if anything could knock them off balance. Having that happen in a roadway could prove fatal. No one should be in a street or median unless they are crossing a roadway, and then for only as long as it takes to safely cross. A median is not a place for loitering or "business," as some people might call it. And frankly I'm tired of hearing from people outside the city bringing their opinions into this conversation. I look forward to the passage of this ordinance, supporting public safety, as the will of the people of Dover.

Thank you for your time.

- Robert Bell

On 12/8/25 16:34, Robert Bell wrote:

> Greetings,
> I once again wish to voice my support for David Anderson's ordinance on public safety, Ordinance 2025-21, up for vote at this evening's meeting. As I mentioned in my email two weeks ago, I believe that the matter of people in the medians is primarily a concern for (their own) public safety and its my hope passing this ordinance gives the city appropriate power to resolve problems safely.
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> One of the comments/posts I've seen shared on Facebook, from Ryan Halpern (https://www.facebook.com/ryan.halpern.3/posts/pfbid0sXgEeS1sMfuKFWsAV6mu4YziWC1Wx56pEU9SDkuUrFPS9tVGom2yFapVYdFBeQGrl), really speaks to my own concern of wanting no harm to come to people in medians, being so close to moving vehicles. His additional suggestion that this ordinance would give police the ability to escort them off the median and _direct them to services really_ is key.
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> Thanks again for your time.
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> - Robert Bell
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> On 11/25/25 18:56, Robert Bell wrote:
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> > My apologies for missing council tonight as I have family obligations. I wanted to ensure my voice is counted in support of David Anderson's proposed ordinance regarding pedestrian safety. I have lived in Dover for well over 20 years and have witnessed a downward slide of apparent concern for public safety, laws, and ordinances. Almost daily when I drive around Dover, I encounter poor drivers, speeders, and DWIs. However, the most concerning for me are the people crossing streets and highways with no crosswalks, as well as the panhandlers in the medians. I have, on several occasions, witnessed people in some kind of distress, staggering close to the edge, in peril of falling off the median. It's just not safe for them, and risks drivers accidentally causing harm when they certainly don't wish that. It's my hope that a stronger ordinance regarding pedestrians may encourage better behavior when coupled with proper enforcement.
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> > Thank you for your attention on this matter.
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> > Respectfully,
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